

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE OF PAGES 1 3		
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0009		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 4/10/2012		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO EDOIES-11-000098		5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY Contracts & Acquisitions Management Group D, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12 th Street, SW Washington, DC 20202-4230		CODE CPOD		7. ADMINISTERED BY (IF OTHER THAN ITEM 6)		CODE	
				See Block 6			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State, and Zip Code) TO ALL OFFERORS				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. ED-IES-11-R--0036	
				<input type="checkbox"/>		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 5/13/2011	
				<input type="checkbox"/>		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
CODE:		FACILITY CODE:				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)	
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered, solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended.							
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods:							
(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers, FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.							
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If Required)							
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO., AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14							
<input type="checkbox"/> A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify Authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.							
<input type="checkbox"/> B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43,103 (b).							
<input type="checkbox"/> C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:							
<input type="checkbox"/> D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)							
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is NOT <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.							
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible. The Department is hereby issuing additional instructions in the reevaluation of the Southwest Region for the post-corrective action. This amendment is only applicable to the SW region for RFP ED-IES-11-R-0036. See supplemental pages below. Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.							
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER				16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER Pamela W. Bone			
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)		16C. DATE SIGNED 4-10-12	

Clarifying Questions for the SW region Post Corrective Action

April 10, 2012

Regarding the questions the Department of Education submitted to offerors on April 5, 2012 for Solicitation ED-IES-11-R-0036, clarification is requested for the following:

1. Based on the cover letter and instructions for submission of response to questions, should offerors assume that the Department expects the following documents for both the Technical and Business Proposals:
 - A. Response to questions with page references where changes can be found in the revised proposal, and including an "index of changes".
 - B. A version of the proposal with highlighted or tracked changes.
 - C. A final, clean version of the proposal.
 - D. Required appendices per the RFP.

Answer # 1: This is correct.

2. Should Offerors assume that the 250 page limit refers only to Document C, the final, clean version of the Technical Proposal narrative, exclusive of appendices.

Answer # 2: The 250 page limit refers only to Document C and is exclusive of appendices.

3. Please confirm or adjust offerors assumptions regarding the number of hard copies required to be submitted for each of the following Technical Proposal documents:
 - A. Document A—5 copies (response to questions)
 - B. Document B—1 copy (tracked changes), which will also include appendices with tracked changes
 - C. Document C—1 original and 4 copies (clean version)
 - D. Document D—5 copies (appendices)

Answer # 3: Document A is one original and four copies; Document B is one original and four copies; Document C is correct; Document D is one original and four copies.

4. Regarding submission of electronic copies, does the Department wish to receive both tracked changes and clean versions of the Technical and Business Proposals?

Answer # 4: Yes, the Department wishes to receive both tracked changes and a clean version electronically.

5. Should offerors revised technical and business proposal reflect the period of performance: January 3, 2012 through January 2, 2017.

Answer # 5: Offerors shall use a full five year performance period when preparing their final proposals. The period shall begin in the near future and end 5 years from that date. For example, if the new award decision is May 7, 2012, then performance will commence

on that date and will end on or about May 4, 2017. Any costs incurred for performance that occurred prior to the date of the stop work order will be considered in the Department's price evaluation.

6. Should Offerors assume that all weaknesses expressed by reviewers in prior evaluations are either no longer a concern or have been addressed by the current questions.

Answer # 6: No. Offerors are free to, and should make use of any information received to date in attempting to improve their proposals. Such information can include: prior technical and business questions; information and documents received during de-briefings; information received during the bid protest; and also the set of questions dated April 5, 2012, and any follow-up questions the Department may issue.

7. Offerors are concerned about how to indicate changes in the proposal, does "highlighting" mean something different than "track changes"? Can offerors merely use a different color type or a highlighter color to indicate portions of the text that have been changed?

Answer # 7: Offerors may choose to highlight in a different color portions from their proposal that are changing, or offerors may choose to turn on track changes. Offerors may choose which method is easier and more clear.